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HUC UNDIQUE GAZA CONGERITUR VIRG.

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William Hunter, *jun.*

HAS for sale, a few Puncheons of excellent JAMAICA SPIRITS, for Cash or Country Produce.

Alexandria, Dec. 7, 1784.

Charles Mortimer, jun.

HAVING been bred to the practice of Physic, Surgery, and Midwifery, both in America and Europe, begs leave to acquaint the inhabitants of this town and county, that he means to offer his service in those respective branches.

Alexandria, Dec. 8, 1784.

Just arrived in Patuxent, by

the ship Liberty, from London, and expected round here in a few days, a large assortment of European GOODS, a great proportion of which is suitable to the present season, and will be sold by Wholesale only, on reasonable terms, by

JOHN FITZGERALD.

Alexandria, Dec. 6, 1784.

Z. Vowles and Company,

Have just landed, and now opening at Mr. Daniel Payne's red Store-House, near the Falmouth or Upper Warehouses, a well chosen and pretty general Assortment of European, East and West India GOODS, which they are determined to sell on the lowest Terms for Cash, Interest Warrants, and every Kind of Country Produce; amongst which are

SUperfine and coarse broadcloths of various colours, coatings, flannels, baizes, duffils, blankets, rugs, Kendal and Negro cottons, blue and white and white plains, swanskins, shag, figured and plain velvets and velverets, corduroys, satins, beavers, satinets, calamancoes, durants, a variety of stuffs, mens' and womens', worsted hose, childrens' ditto, yarn ditto, mens' silk and cotton ditto, womens' cotton ditto, mens' and youths' coarse and fine shoes, womens' leather and calamanco ditto, boots, plated spurs, saddles and bridles, whips, hats well assorted, Barcelona, bandano, figured linen, paste-work, and a variety of gauze handkerchiefs, an elegant assortment of gauze and lawn aprons, a great variety of gauzes, lawns and cambricks, womens' cloaks and cardinals, stays, silk and durant quilts, changeable, blue, white, and a variety of brocaded lustrings, blue and black persians, white ditto, white tiffany, modes, lace and edgings, chintzes, calicoes, printed linens and cottons, a great variety of Marseilles and cotton counterpanes, bed bunts and tickings, diaper tablecloths and towelling, mens' gloves, womens' ditto and mits, Irish linens well assorted, sheetings, dowlas, best German and British osnaburgs, rolls, bagging, bar-lead, powder and shot, gun flints, pewter assorted, temple spectacles set in silver, a variety of common ditto, frying-pans, castings well assorted, bar-iron, Bristol and German steel, cutlery, a valuable assortment of locks and hinges, a great variety of carpenters' and joiners' tools, shoemakers' ditto, wrought andirons, chamber bellows, shovels and tongs, warming-pans, nails and sprigs, a good assortment of 8 by 10 window-glass, various kinds of paints, brushes of every kind, calf-skins, boot legs with vamps and Ben soles, copperas, alum, pepper, Gloucester cheese, Liverpool ale, Madera and Port wine, West-India rum, molasses, brown sugar, double and single refined loaf ditto, congo, souchong, and hyson teas, coffee and coffee-mills, with most of such articles as should be in a well assorted store; and they doubt not of being amply supplied, from time to time with articles, suited to this market.

Dec. 1, 1784.

M'Crea *and* Measе,

Have just arrived an Assortment of GOODS, which they propose selling on the most reasonable Terms; amongst them are

CLoths, shalloons, calamancoes, durants, camblets, poplins, German serges, dorsetteens, kings' and queens' cords, dimities, drawboys, satinets, denims, checks, striped hollands, bedbunts, messinets, silverets, taffetas, nonsopretties, tapes, glass ware, window-glass, clear and spotted lawns, striped and figured ditto, ditto handkerchiefs, fine soullee and needle-worked aprons, threads, Dutch lace and edging, silk ferrets, Barcelona handkerchiefs, black and white lace, blond ditto, ladies' fashionable trimmed cloaks, hats and bonnets, Cyprus and other gauzes, knee and other garters, mens' and womens' gloves, silk mits, ribbons, counterpanes, Irish linens, osnaburgs, quality bindings, ladies' stays, writing-paper, inkpowder, pins, needles, milled and common flannels, mens', womens' and boys' thread, cotton, and silk hose, spelling-books, pocket-books, hair broom-heads, brushes, sieves, table knives and forks, clasp and pen knives, rasors, shaping and other scissors, bar-lead, shot, coffee-mills, sleeve-buttons, plated spurs and buckles, spectacles, blank account books, quills, bridles, curry-combs, horsewhips, money-scales with weights, twist, sewing-silk, shirt buttons, cottons, calicoes, coatings, &c. &c.

It is useless to say any thing respecting the terms on which these goods will be sold—whoever applies at the Post-Office, will find them agreeable.

Alexandria, Dec. 8, 1784.

Ten Pounds Reward,

RAN away from the Subscriber last spring two Slaves, viz. DICK (who some times calls himself Richard Mervile) a stout lusty Mulatto Fellow, of about 22 years of age, has large features and eyes, a roguish down look, is artful and plausible, and well acquainted in most parts of Virginia and Maryland, having formerly waited upon me.—CLEM, a well-set black Negro Lad, of about 19 years of age, has a remarkable large scar of a burn, which covers the whole of one of his knees.—It is impossible to describe their dress, as I am told they have stolen a variety of clothes since their elopement.—They were carried to the Eastern Shore by a bay-craft, where Dick was employed stowing of vessels, and Clem sawing of shingle buts.—I suspect they are still on the Eastern Shore, or on board some bay-craft.—The above Reward will be given to any person who will deliver them to me, in Fairfax County, on Potomack River, or secure them in any gaol, and give me notice of it so that I get them again, or Five pounds for either of them,

GEORGE MASON, jun.

October 25, 1784.

Wants a Place,

A Young Man, a native of Ireland, and was bred in Dublin.—He would willingly engage with a Merchant as book-keeper, or as tutor in a private family; and flatters himself qualified for either.—A line directed to W. A. at Mr. Suter's tavern, George-Town, or Mr. Johnson's, Bladensburg, shall be duly attended to.

Dec. 8, 1784.

TO BE SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE,

A Variety of Writing-Paper, Dutch Quills, Paper Hangings, Blank Books, gilt and common Letter Paper, Sealing-Wax, Wafers, Inkpowder, Pounce, Ink-Stands, Black Lead Pencils, Common Prayer Books, from Two to Ten Shillings; Boston's Fourfold State, Ruffel's Sermons, Psalters, &c. &c. &c.

DUMFRIES ACADEMY.

BY order of the Trustees for the DUMFRIES ACADEMY this public notice is given, that the Academy is opened by masters from a University in Great-Britain, amply recommended, who propose to teach the Latin, Greek and French Languages, Arithmetic, Land Surveying, Book-Keeping, every other branch of the Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy.

The price of tuition is Five Guineas, and Twenty Shillings for fire-wood, per annum.

Students may board conveniently on reasonable terms.

We think it unnecessary to trouble the public with a detail of the many and great advantages arising to the community at large as well as to individuals, from a seminary of useful learning in this growing Commonwealth; but assure them, that proper attention will be paid to the morals and behaviour of those who study in this Academy; and every possible endeavour used to facilitate their progress in acquiring a competent knowledge of any or all of the above-mentioned branches.

W. FALCONER, JOHN KEMP, } Masters.

Nov. 29, 1784.

N. B. There will be taught privately for One Half Johannes, a late invented system of the Short Hand, incomparably shorter and easier than any yet published, consisting of only four characters. The whole will be taught at six lessons, and the student enabled to keep up with any public speaker.

Joseph Greenway,

At his Store, formerly occupied by Mr. William Hunter, sen. has for sale, by Wholesale and Retail, a choice Assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable to the present and approaching Season, which he will sell on the lowest Advance for Cash or Produce, viz.

DUFFILS, baizes, Welch plains, hunters, frizes, superfine broadcloths, coarse ditto, osnaburgs, dowlas, Irish linens, calicoes, cotton handkerchiefs, Barcelona ditto, beaver and felt hats, ladies' calamanco shoes, everlasting ditto, childrens' Morocco ditto, shoes and boots, Liverpool and queen's ware, nails, fashionable looking-glasses, a few good fowling pieces, West-India rum, &c. &c. &c.

Alexandria, Nov. 30, 1784.

For Sale,

A PLANTATION, within 8 miles of Winchester, containing 400 acres.—The lands are rich, level, and but very little broken with limestone, about 60 acres of which are cleared, and under good fences, has a large new barn, and a pretty good overseer's house.—Also 300 acres of unimproved Land, lying about two miles from the above place.—Likewise three very well improved Lots in the borough of Winchester, in a very advantageous part of the town for any kind of business.—Cash, Tobacco, or Military Certificates, will be received in payment, and the terms made known by applying to the Subscriber.

JOSEPH HOLMES.

Winchester, Nov. 25, 1784.

☞ *Also for sale, a large and neat assortment of MERCHANDIZE, which he will sell for very little more than first cost, for Cash or Tobacco. J. H.*

☞ Choice Lampblack to be Sold at the Printing-Office.

WARSAW, *(Poland)* Sept. 12.

WE learn that a fire, occaſioned by an earthquake, has reduced the city of Adrianople to aſhes.

LONDON, *Sept.* 25.

On Friday laſt, at the Old-Baily, the Honorable Colonel COSMO GORDON, accompanied by ſeveral reſpectable gentlemen, came into court, and ſurrendered himſelf to be tried on an indictment for the murder of Colonel FREDERICK THOMAS in a duel, on the 4th of September, 1783, in Hyde-Park, by wounding him in the body with a piſtol-ball; he was immediately put to the bar, and arraigned, when pleading not guilty to the charge, he was put on his trial. Counſellor *Graham*, for the proſecution, opened the cauſe, and went very minutely into the origin of the quarrel between Colonel Gordon and Colonel Thomas in America; the conduct each of them had purſued from that time until the unfortunate moment that Colonel Thomas fell, and expatiated on their different proceedings, with a degree of candor which did him great honor, without loſing ſight of the object and cauſe of his client; to prove the meeting in which Colonel Thomas received the wound which occaſioned his death, Mr. Graham, produced two letters ſigned Coſmo Gordon, and an anſwer to the firſt of them by the deceaſed; the firſt of them was ſent in June, 1783, contained a direct challenge, which Colonel Thomas's anſwer declined accepting of; the laſt was dated in September, and was a repetition of the challenge in more peremptory terms, claiming his attendance with a friend, two brace of piſtols, and a ſword; in conſequence of which, they met at Hyde Park, very early in the morning, and every preliminary being adjuſted, they fired or attempted at leaſt to fire together, but Colonel Thomas's piſtol flaſhed in the pan: Colonel Gordon thought at firſt that ought to be termed as having fired, but was ſoon over-ruled, and the deceaſed diſcharged his piſtol, neither of them, however, taking any affect; the ſecond diſcharge was widely different; the ball from Colonel Thomas's piſtol ſtriking Colonel Gordon on the thigh, and the ball from his entering Colonel Thomas's body; upon which he fell, and of which wound he died. Having thus ſtated his charge, he proceeded to call witneſſes to eſtabliſh the facts, the firſt of which was

Mr. *Merrick*, who had been agent to Colonel Gordon and from his tranſactions with him, was perfectly acquainted with his hand writing; on being ſhewn the letters, ſigned Coſmo Gordon, was certain of their being the Colonel's.

——— *Hobs*, ſervant to the late Colonel Thomas, knew the letter to have been received by his maſter, who read it to him as well as the anſwer he ſent. Upon interrogation, he ſtated what had paſſed in America, and afterwards until the 3d of September, 1783; when a Major Skelly called and left a note for Colonel Thomas. On his retiring to bed that evening, he bid the witneſs call him as ſoon as it was light in the morning, which he did; ſoon after Capt. Hill came, and they went out together; there were ſome piſtols lying on the table before they went out, but he did not ſee them afterwards, nor did he perceive his maſter take them; to the beſt of his remembrance Capt. Hill loaded them; their houſe being ſituated in Park-lane, he went directly up into the garret, from whence he ſaw Colonel Thomas and Captain Hill go into Hyde-Park, and walk towards the ring; within a few minutes a hackney-coach ſtopped at Groſvenor gate, from which Colonel Gordon and Major Skelly alighted and took the ſame direction; he then heard the report of the piſtols, and ſaw his maſter fall, whom he knew from being in regimentals, but could not diſtinguiſh who it was fired at him. Col. Thomas was brought home about twenty minutes afterwards; the witneſs aſſiſted in undreſſing him, and ſaw the wound, and about ſix o'clock the next morning he expired. During the time his maſter lay on the bed he heard him exclaim, "the villain! the villain!" but did not once hear him ſay how he received his wound, or from whom.

Mr. *Graham*, a ſurgeon, went with Colonel Gordon and Major Skelly to Groſvenor gate in a hackney-coach, from which they alighted, and he remained in it until he heard the report of the piſtols; upon which he likewiſe got out, and was proceeding in the Park, when he met Major Skelly, who informed him Colonel Thomas was wounded, and deſired him to proceed to the ſpot; he then came up to Colonel Gordon, who begged he would haſten and give Colonel Thomas aſſiſtance; when he came to him he found he was wounded in the belly, and extracted the ball from the oppoſite ſide, aſſiſted in conveying him home, but was very apprehenſive the conſequences muſt prove fatal.

Capt. *Hill* knew the letter ſigned Coſmo Gordon, it had been ſhewn him by Colonel Thomas on the Wedneſday, as the duel took place on the Thurſday. Being interrogated by the counſel reſpecting attending the deceaſed to the field, Baron *Eyre* obſerved, the Captain ought to have been appriſed of his ſituation, and not led to criminate himſelf; for if it was proved that he had attended the place where this unfortunate affair happened, he was certainly criminal in the eye of the law. Upon this a conſultation took place among the counſel, and the Captain wiſhing to decline giving an anſwer to their queſtion, they thought it not adviſeable to preſs him to any further evidence; he was, however, by Col. Gordon's Council, deſired to remain in Court.

Dr. *John Hunter* attended the deceaſed, and on firſt ſeeing the wound, did not think it poſſible he could ſurvive. Had no converſation with him further than reſpected his profeſſion, nor did he hear him ſay from whom he received his wound.

James Robinſon, Surgeon, likewiſe attended, but knew nothing further than reſpecting his profeſſion.

Here the evidence for the proſecution cloſed, when Baron Eyre informed Colonel Gordon, that was the time on which he muſt enter on his defence to invalidate the charges brought againſt him. The Colonel moſt reſpectfully bowing ſaid, "He humbly ſubmitted his caſe to the good ſenſe, "candor and humanity of that reſpectable Court." A great number of gentlemen of the firſt rank and character were called to ſpeak in his behalf, among whom were Sir Henry Clinton, General Paterſon, Lord Dunmore, Colonels Marſh, Larcelles, Fox, Keith, Stewart, Robinſon, Fraſer, Seaton, General Birch, Mr. Bengwell, and Mr. Seaton, who had known him for a number of years, moſt of them for upwards of twenty, during which ſpace they had ever reſpected him as an amiable, peaceable character, frequently preventing diſagreements, and not likely to enter into them himſelf.

Baron Eyre then delivered his charge to the Grand Jury, commenting upon the different parts of the evidence in a candid, humane, and liberal manner; lamenting that he and the jury ſhould have ſo unfortunate a caſe brought before them; it was, however, his duty to explain to them the law on ſuch caſes, in its different points of view; and it was their duty to determine upon that matter before them, according to the beſt of their judgments; having done this, they would have nothing to upbraid themſelves with, although ſimilar caſes ſhould again be brought before them, for he very much apprehended, that whatever might be the deciſion that day, or however ſevere the law might be againſt ſuch a practice, it would ſtill continue, until thoſe who maintained ſuch a falſe idea of ſatisfying the calls of honor ſhould be convinced of its abſurdity, and the fallacy of ſuch deciſions. He recommended them to conſider well the evidence they had heard; explained under what circumſtances they muſt conſider the crime as murder, and what manſlaughter; and not doubting they would bring in their verdict according to their conſcience, he left it for their determination.

The Jury, without going out of Court, declared the priſoner, NOT GUILTY.

Oct. 3. *It is now ſaid that the Dutch have not captured any of the Imperial ſhips, but that their fleet of obſervation, which hovers at the mouth of the Scheldt, have actually ſtopped five ſhips with Imperial colours, from proceeding up the river to Antwerp, by threatening to ſink them if they dared, after this interdiction, to attempt proſecuting their voyage.*

BRIDGE-TOWN, *(Barbadoes)* October 24.

We are ſorry to announce to the public the following awful and melancholy circumſtance! and which, according to the beſt information yet received, is as follows: Early yeſterday morning, Mr. Reynold Philips, manager on Wolcott's plantation, now in the poſſeſſion of William Morris, Eſq; heard a diſtant noiſe, and on his looking out perceived the earth from Aackſeton's Clift, move downwards in amazing large bodies; being much alarmed he removed his family from the dwelling-houſe, and in a few hours after the whole buildings of the plantation (being nearly under the hill) was entirely covered, the mill excepted, which could only be perceived from the eves of the the round-houſe upwards. What renders this dreadful phenomenon more extraordinary is, that there had not been any rain for many hours before, and that no undulation or motion of the earth was felt where the buildings ſtood, or on the plain beneath the hill.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 1.

It is with great pleaſure that we are enabled by letters brought in the Hannah, Captain Smith, arrived here laſt Sunday, in ſeven weeks from Briſtol, to contradict a report current laſt week in this city, of the failure of a moſt reſpectable houſe in the American trade.—So far from there being the leaſt foundation in truth for the malignant rumour, that a large quantity of goods are now landing from that houſe brought in the Hannah to their correſpondents in this city.—The credit of the gentleman ſtands as firm and eminent as any merchant in England.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3.

Extract of a letter from Kingſton, Jamaica, dated Nov. 3, 1784.

"Saturday evening, Benjamin Johnſon, one of the pirates concerned in the murder of five perſons on board the ſchooner Friendſhip, Capt. Lewis, bound from Portſmouth, in Virginia, to St. Thomas's, (of which an account was given in two of that day's papers) was apprehended in Luke-lane, by two conſtables; he had his coat wrapped up in a handkerchief, and was haſtily making his way towards the ſea-ſide, having probably heard of an account of the horrid tranſaction being received here; the next morning on being examined before ſeveral magiſtrates at the court-houſe, he freely confeſſed having, together with Morris Keaton and Joſeph Twentyman, entered as paſſengers on board the ſchooner Friendſhip, about two hours after her leaving Portſmouth, and that near the latitude of Bermudas they made themſelves maſters of the veſſel, by ſecuring, binding and gagging firſt the mate and a ſeaman, who had the watch upon deck, afterwards the Captain and Mr. Wilkinſon, a merchant and paſſenger, who were aſleep in the cabin, and laſtly the reſt of the people below; that theſe four perſons with one other ſeaman, were by them immediately thrown overboard, as was afterwards a negro man, who for ſome time they employed as cook; and that off Manchioneal (at which port they diſpoſed of the veſſel and cargo) he and Twentyman being diffident of their bloody aſſociate Morris Keaton, they murdered him alſo. Johnſon, when under examination, appeared to be a hardened villain, with great compoſure giving anſwer to every queſtion that was put to him by the magiſtrates. He was dreſſed in a double-faced blue frock, with anchor buttons, and had much the appearance of a maſter of a veſſel; probably he perſonated Captain Lewis at entering the veſſel, as likewiſe in the ſelling her and the lumber with which ſhe was freighted.

"Capt. Bartlet, with a Lieutenant and a part of the town guard, went to Port-Royal on Saturday forenoon in queſt of theſe miſcreants, where he met with Johnſon's two cheſts and a bundle, containing linen with the marks of Capt. Lewis and Mr. Wilkinſon; and receiving information that Twentyman was probably lurking on the paliſadoes, that extenſive ſpot was traverſed by him and the party the following morning, and every veſſel in the harbour ſearched, but without ſucceſs. The magiſtrates having ſince received information of Twentyman having ſet off for Montego-Bay, they have ſent Mr. Aſton, the head-conſtable, in purſuit of him; it may therefore be reaſonably expected this villain will alſo be ſhortly ſecured and brought to juſtice."

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.

By the laſt Philadelphia papers it appears that the General Aſſembly of Pennſylvania, now ſitting, have under conſideration a bill, entitled, "An act to inveſt Congreſs with certain powers for the protection of commerce."—The ſubſtance of the ſaid bill is, "that the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, be inveſted for the term of fifteen years from the thirtieth day of April laſt, with power to prohibit the importation into, or exportation from, any of the ſaid States of any goods, wares, or merchandiſe, in veſſels belonging to or navigated by the Subjects of any power with whom the ſaid States ſhall not have formed treaties of commerce; and alſo to prohibit during the term aforeſaid, the Subjects of any foreign State, Kingdom or Empire, unleſs authorized by treaty, from importing into the United States, any goods, wares, or merchandiſe, which ſhall not be the produce or manufacture of the dominions of the Sovereign whoſe ſubjects they are."——

ALEXANDRIA, December 16.

Extract of a Letter from London, dated September 20, to Stephen Sayre, Eſq; in George-Town, whoſe Aſſent we have to lay it before the Public, in hopes it will add Vigor to the great Deſign of improving our inland Navigation, as it comes from a Character, who is conſulted in all Europe on all Objects of public Improvements, and whoſe Plans are now put into Execution in Paris, at a moſt enormous Expence to the Government.

"*I like your Deſcription of America—what an amazing Country—what noble Rivers.—I am glad you recommended, and pray inſiſt in adviſing G. W. to ſink or deepen upper levels—it ſhould be the Study of all America.—Natural Rivers ſhould be ſtraitened as much as poſſible through a flat Country—Hills juſtify violent Curves.—Did you take Erſkine with you when you ſurveyed the Falls?—It is a uſeful, clever Book.—Diſcourage Locks—Encourage Ballaſt Work—deepening Shallows, and removing Rocks.—Improve the natural Beds of your Rivers—Feed the moſt natural Channels with its Waters, by dropping the Materials on Right or Left in Angles.—You have probably heard what noble Improvements*

are going forward in France—They are deepening their Harbours in the Channels for 50 Gun Ships—Large Ships can now go up to Caen in Normandy—They mean to cut a Canal from the Ocean to Paris.—I have had the Honor of propoſing all theſe Plans.—I have recommended a ſecond Thames, from London to Portſmouth.—What is this to what the French have done?—In Ireland they are making ſome grand Canals—They demoliſh all Lockwork—But we are an undone People—Plunder—bad Politics, and Self-Intereſt, have governed us theſe 24 Years, and, I fear, will continue.—The Emperor is making noble Efforts—He is improving his Rivers and Conventions—I am glad of it.—When in your Country you can make good Roads, do it by Counties—Diſcourage Turnpikes—they are a Check to Liberty, and employ Rogues.—Your Laws ſhould compel the Ignorant into broad Wheels in Proportion to the Weight.—All public Roads ſhould be ditched on each ſide—this carries off the Water ſo ſoon, they remain, fixed, hard and dry—But you and I are, long ſince, agreed on theſe Matters."

Laſt Week a young Man, named Graves, being at Work in a new Building in this Town, unfortunately fell with his Breaſt on a Piece of Timber, which put a Period to his Life in a few Hours.

The Honorable Charles Wallace, Aquila Paca, John Davidſon, John H. Stone, and Samuel T. Wright, Eſquires, are choſen Members of the Council of the State of Maryland for the Year enſuing.

PRICES CURRENT, ALEXANDRIA.

TOBACCO 28s. per Ct.	Continental Rum, 2/2, to 2/4 per Ditto.
Fine Flour, 31 s. per Barrel.	Molaſſes, 1/6 per Ditto.
Wheat, 6 s. per Buſhel.	Muſcovado Sugar, 38 s. to 47 s. per Ct.
Jamaica Spirits, 4/6 per Gallon.	Salt, 6s. per Buſhel, by Retail.
Windward Rum, 3 s. per Ditto.	Exchange, 36.

☞ FRIDAY the 24th inſt. being the laſt monthly meeting of Lodge, No. 39, before the anniverſary of St. John, the brethren are required to attend punctually, as there is buſineſs of much importance to lay before them.

By Order of the Maſter,
W. HERBERT, *Secretary.*

Alexandria, Dec. 9, 1784.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

On Saturday next, the 18th inſt. will be Sold at the Vendue-Office, oppoſite the Court-Houſe,

OSnaburgs, bagging, canvas, dowlas, Iriſh linens, tablecloths, threads, gartering, pins, printed cottons, chintzes, ſewing and bonnet ſilk, women's gloves, ladies' elegant balloon hats of the neweſt faſhion, juſt arrived from France, broadcloths, hats, ſhoes, ſaddles, muſtard, green tea, ſoap, Glauber ſalts, brown ſugar, &c. &c. &c.

And on Monday, the 20th inſt. being Court-Day, will be ſold, a parcel of Plaſter-of-Paris, lying on the County-Wharf, which is very uſeful in building for plaſtering, &c.—It is alſo excellent manure, as two buſhels are ſaid to be ſufficient to enrich an acre of land.

A vendue, as uſual, will alſo be on that day at the Vendue-Store, where will be ſold a variety of merchandize.

C. COPPER, Vendue-Maſter.

Alexandria, Dec. 9, 1784.

☞ *To be ſold at private ſale, cheap for Caſh, Wheat, Flour, or Tobacco, two valuable Negroes.*

C. C.

William Hepburn,

Has juſt imported in the Ship Hazard, Captain New, from London,

A general Aſſortment of Goods,

Which, with a few Puncheons of JAMAICA SPIRITS *(above one Year imported) he will ſell on the loweſt Terms for Caſh, Bills of Exchange, Tobacco, Wheat or Flour.*

☞ *He requeſts all thoſe whoſe Accounts have been Six Months ſtanding to make immediate Payment, or to call and give their Obligations.*

Alexandria, Dec. 14, 1784.

N. B. He will rent for one or more Years, the Houſe at the Corner of King and Pitt Streets, where Mr. Patrick Murray now lives.—Poſſeſſion will be given in May next.

Any perſon wanting to hire

a ſmart active Negro FELLOW, who has been uſed to wait on Gentlemen, may hear of one by applying to

DENNIS RAMSAY.

Alexandria, Dec. 8, 1784.

To be Sold cheap,

For Caſh, Weſt-India or Country Produce,

SEVERAL Thouſand Acres of valuable Patent Land, lying on the different branches of the Ohio and Great Kanhawa Rivers, which was located at an early period, and is ſuperior in quality to moſt in that country.—A ſhort credit will be given for part, on bond with approved ſecurity.—Plots of the above may be ſeen, and the terms made known, by applying to

J. ALLISON.

Alexandria, Dec. 8, 1784.

The Subſcriber has on Hand, and is ſelling on low Terms, by the large or ſmall Quantity,

A very large and general Aſſortment of Medicines.

And ſundry other Articles neceſſary for Practitioners of Phyſic and Surgery.

☞ His Medicinal Shop is now moved to the extreme part of Cameron-ſtreet, leading from the Court-Houſe directly towards the Church, where Orders from Gentlemen of the Profeſſion and others will be ſpeedily and punctually complied with.

WILLIAM BROWN.

Alexandria, Dec. 14, 1784.

Northumberland County, Nov. 29, 1784.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I forewarn all perſons from Hunting or gunning on my land in Hull's or Cupid's neck; likewiſe, from hauling a ſeine, oyſtering or fowling in Hack or Hull's Creek, adjoining the ſaid lands.—Thoſe who diſregard this notice may depend on being dealt with according to law, by

JOHN ROGERS.

All perſons indebted to the

eſtate of John Mills, Eſq; deceaſed, by bond, note, or open account, in conſequence either of dealings with the ſaid John Mills, during his lifetime, or of purchaſes made at the public ſale of his effects, by his adminiſtrators, are earneſtly requeſted to call without delay on the ſubſcribers, or either of them, and make payment of the ſums they reſpectively owe.

The neceſſity there is of cloſing the affairs of ſaid eſtate as ſpeedily as poſſible, will oblige the ſubſcribers to bring ſuits, without reſpect to perſons, for the recovery of all ſuch of the debts as ſhall remain unpaid after the firſt day of February next.

ROBERT. T. HOOE,
CHARLES SIMMS,
WILLIAM BROWN,
Adminiſtrators.

Alexandria, Dec. 14, 1784.

To be Rented,

From One to Four Years, and entered on immediately,

THE Dwelling-Houſe, Kitchen, Yard and Garden, at Giſborough, in Prince-George's County, and pleaſantly ſituated at the mouth of the Eaſtern Branch of Potomack, where the greateſt plenty of fiſh and wild fowl may be had.—The Dwelling-Houſe is of brick, with four rooms on the lower floor, a fireplace in each, and in good repair; the garden is very large, and all kinds of the beſt fruit grow in it.—I will alſo let the Fiſhing Landing.—For terms apply to

WILLIAM BALEY.

George-Town, Dec. 11, 1784.

ALL perſons are forewarned from purchaſing the following Tobacco Notes, on Coan warehouſe, as they are loſt and new notes have been iſſued, viz. S

P T. No. 433, 1005, 138, 867;
434, 1105, 116, 982.

JAMES MOOKLAR.

Alexandria, Dec. 8, 1784.

Juſt landed from on board

the Ship Heer Adams, Mark Collins, Maſter, from L'Orient, and to be ſold cheap, for Caſh or Tobacco.

A Large Quantity of beſt Coniac Brandy,
Green Tea in Quarter Cheſts,
Bohea Tea in Cheſts,
Engliſh bottled Beer,
A Variety of Ship Chandlery,
Hardware, &c. &c. &c.

For Particulars apply to Mr. Z. LOREILLE, now in Alexandria, or to Meſſieurs M'CREA and MEASE.

Alexandria, Dec. 13, 1784.

Frederick County, Virginia, Dec. 9, 1784.

THIS is to give notice, that I will not pay any debts that my wife Mary Shuter may contract from the date hereof.

WILLIAM SHUTER.

The Drawing of the George-Town Academy Lottery

is poſtponed to the 27th of next Month, when it will poſitively commence.

George-Town, Dec. 13, 1784.

☞ *CHEAP STORE.*

Jonathan Swift and Company,

HAVE for ſale at their ſtore, on Capt. Harper's wharf, a large and elegant aſſortment of European GOODS, ſuitable for the preſent and approaching ſeaſon, which they will ſell, by the package or piece, at the loweſt advance for Caſh or Tobacco. Their goods were ſelected from the firſt manufactories in Europe on the beſt terms. Thoſe gentlemen who pleaſe to favor them with their commands, may depend upon being ſupplied as cheap as at any ſtore in the States.

They return their grateful thanks to thoſe gentlemen, in town and country, who have already favored them with their cuſtom, and flatter themſelves that the moderate prices of their goods, and their endeavours to give ſatisfaction, will induce them to continue their favors.

Alexandria, Dec. 14, 1784.

THE Partnerſhip of DUNBAR and PRIMM having diſſolved the 31ſt Day of laſt month, this is to requeſt all perſons indebted to them to make immediate payment to the Subſcribers, who receive their debts, and will pay all juſt demands againſt them.

☞ They have for ſale at the ſtore lately occupied by them, a ſmall aſſortment of wet and dry GOODS, ſuitable for the ſeaſon, which they will diſpoſe of on reaſonable terms, for Caſh, Tobacco, Wheat, or Indian-Corn.

JOHN DUNBAR and CO.

Aquia, Nov. 25, 1784.

To be Let,

On Ground-Rent for ever,

SEVERAL LOTS of GROUND adjoining the Town of Alexandria.——The Lots will be ſhewn, and the Terms made known, by Mr. JOHN GRETTER.

Alexandria, Dec. 6, 1784.

Andrew Eſtave,

Oppoſite to Alexandria,

BEGS leave to inform the Public, that he has opened a convenient Houſe of Entertainment for Ladies and Gentlemen, and furniſhed it with the beſt of liquors.—He has a good ſtable, and excellent hay.—Thoſe who may pleaſe to favor him with their cuſtom, may depend on good uſage, as no pains will be ſpared to accommodate them in the moſt agreeable manner.

Dec. 9, 1784.

To be let from Year to Year, or for a Term of Years,

A LOT of LAND, lying at Boyd's-Hole, containing 30 acres, on which is a well-built two ſtory brick houſe, with a well-finiſhed ſtore-room, bale-room, dining-room, and counting-room, on the lower floor, and a bale-room on the ſecond floor, with three other convenient lodging rooms, with fireplaces to each; an excellent cellar and kitchen under the houſe, together with a large and commodious granary and garden.—I ſhall only obſerve that it is generally eſteemed to be one of the beſt ſituations in Virginia for a well-regulated retail ſtore, as it commands a very extenſive and rich neighbourhood, is alſo conveniently ſituated to ſundry tobacco ware-houſes, as well in Maryland as Virginia; and I venture to aſſert, that the Boyd's-Hole tobacco is equal in quality to any on the Virginia ſide of Potomack.—The aforeſaid premiſes would very well accommodate a ſmall family.—For terms, apply to WILLIAM LYLES.

Alexandria, Nov. 9, 1784.

Stop the Thief!

STOLEN from John Littlejohn's mill, on Gooſe-Creek, on the night of the 24th inſt. a dark bay HORSE, ſeven years old, with a ſtar in his forehead, has a feather on his neck under his mane, a ſwitch tail, and one of his hind hoofs is half white; it is eaſy to obſerve that his right hind leg is thicker than his left, occaſioned by a wound, the mark of which is very perceivable on the inſide of the leg, and he paces, trots and gallops well.—Whoever takes up and ſecures ſaid horſe, ſo that I get him, ſhall receive Ten Dollars, and ten more on conviction of the thief. JOSEPH SMITH.

Loudon County, Nov. 30, 1784.

☞ *The PRINTING-OFFICE is removed to Mr.* ROGER CHEW's *new Brick Houſe, Fairfax-ſtreet.*

POETRY.

EPIGRAM.

"THE Land was doubly tax'd, we thought,
To carry on the War;
Now War is to a period brought,
Still more our Taxes are.

Strange conduct this, all muſt allow—
Huſh! let your murmers ceaſe;
You pay theſe double Taxes now
To carry on the PEACE.

The difference 'twixt that and this
Is only in the name,
For let the Great make War or Peace,
The People's Load's the ſame."

To be Sold at Public Vendue, for Ready-Money, on Monday the 20th of December next,

TWO LOTS of GROUND, ſituated on Fairfax-ſtreet, about 44 feet front each by 123 in depth; on one of which is a good dwelling-houſe with four rooms on a floor, in three of which are fireplaces, with a good garret and an excellent cellar.—On the other is a ſtore with a counting room, a ſhed built back, a good cellar, and a ſtable for three horſes.—Poſſeſſion will be given the firſt of March next or ſooner, by WILLIAM HUNTER, *jun.*

Alexandria, October 26, 1784.

John Murray, *and* Company,

HAVE received in addition to their former aſſortment, a few packages of woollen GOODS, ſuitable to the ſeaſon, which they will ſell on very reaſonable terms, for Caſh, Tobacco or Hemp, at their ſtore on Fairfax-ſtreet; alſo, molaſſes and New-England rum in hogſheads, and dipped and mould tallow candles by the box.

Alexandria, December 2, 1784.

Juſt imported, and landed at Dumfries and Alexandria, from New-York,

ABOUT Forty Tons of *PLASTER-OF-PARIS.*—*As few perſons in this State are acquainted with its nature and qualities, it may be neceſſary to inform ſuch, that nothing is equal to it for plaſtering or covering houſes, as alſo for ſtucco work, but of late more particularly valuable for manure, two buſhels being found ſufficient for an acre of land, and it ſerves to enrich the meaneſt ſoil: The effects of it in ſome parts of Pennſylvania and Maryland laſt year, are ſufficient proofs of its value.—Apply to Mr. WILLIAM WILSON, in Alexandria, or to the Subſcriber, in Dumfries.*

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.

December 2, 1784.

☞ *Freight will be given for about 3000 buſhels of wheat, flour or tobacco in proportion, in the Brigantine* CHARLOTTE, *Capt. IRVINE, for New-York, at low rates.—Apply immediately as above.*

To be Sold,

On Monday, the 27th of December next, at Weſtwood, in Prince-William County,

THE remainder of the perſonal eſtate of the late Rev. Mr. James Scott, conſiſting of 13 or 14 SLAVES, a quantity of corn and long forage, ſeveral articles of houſehold furniture, ſuch as chairs, tables, bedſteads, and a large and neat pier glaſs.

And on Thurſday, the 30th of the ſame month, will be ſold, at the plantation where Herman Utterback lives, in Fauquier County, a quantity of corn and long forage. Twelve Months credit will be allowed for all ſums above Forty Shillings, the purchaſers giving bond with approved ſecurity, to bear intereſt from the date if not punctually paid.

T. BLACKBURN, Adminiſtrator.

Nov. 24, 1784.

Juſt arrived and to be Sold by

Jacob Kuhn,

A *LARGE aſſortment of* GOODS *ſuitable to the ſeaſon.—Alſo, a quantity of rum, ſugar, molaſſes, alum, Liverpool and Liſbon ſalt, &c. &c.*

☞ *Said Kuhn wants, as an apprentice, an active and diligent young man, who can be well recommended.*

Fredericksburg, Nov. 18, 1784.

TICKETS in the GEORGE-TOWN ACADEMY LOTTERY may be had at the Printing-Office.

Alexandria, September 23, 1784.

Berkeley County, Nov. 15, 1784.

ON Saturday laſt was committed to this gaol, a Negro Fellow, who calls himſelf JOHN JACKSON, is ſlim made, about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, and about 24 years of age: He had on a white cotton coat and breeches, old ſhoes and ſtockings. Alſo, a Mulatto Woman, about the ſame height as the man, and ſlim made: She had on a ſtriped jacket with metal buttons, a white hat with a feather in it, and calls herſelf NELLY EVANS. They pretend to be man and wife, and ſay they came from York-Town; that they had a paſs when they came from home, ſigned by Col. Harvey, living at the mouth of Yeocomico, but left it at Shenandoah. Their maſter or maſters, if they have any, are deſired to come, pay charges, and take them away.

ROBERT COCKBURN, Gaoler.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of LAND, within 5 miles of Alexandria, containing 432 acres, on which are an excellent framed barn, an overſeer's houſe, &c. a fine ſpring, a large apple and peach orchard, with a great variety of other excellent fruit-trees, and about 100 acres of it may be converted into meadow, it being thought, by good judges, as well calculated for that produce as any land in the county, as the greateſt part may be watered, having two large ſtreams running through the whole; there is alſo on ſaid land a valuable mill-ſeat, where formerly was a mill, which at a little expence may be rebuilt; the reſt of the land is well calculated for farming.—Alſo to be ſold, another Tract, adjoining that already deſcribed, containing about 300 acres, on which is a tolerable good dwelling-houſe, with two rooms on a floor, with a brick chimney, and ſeveral out-houſes; 25 acres of well-improved meadow, and much more may be made, and the whole watered at a trifling expence, there being a ditch already cut for that purpoſe, by which the water may be eaſily conveyed.—Alſo 75 acres more, near the above lands, conſiſting altogether of excellent timber.—The advantages attending lands ſo near the town of Alexandria, are ſo great that it is needleſs to ſay more.—A good title will be made, and poſſeſſion given at Chriſtmas.—For terms apply to the Subſcriber, living near Alexandria.—If the above lands are not ſold by the Firſt day of January next, they will be laid out into ſeveral lots, and rented for the term of ſeven years.

BALDWIN DADE.

Nov. 16, 1784.

For Sale;

A Valuable TRACT of LAND, lying in Frederick County, Virginia, containing 1100 acres, within eight miles of Winchester, on the main road from thence to Philadelphia, and within two miles of three merchant mills; there are on ſaid land, a good two-ſtory dwelling-houſe and other convenient buildings, with a good orchard and meadow, and tolerably well timbered.——One third of the purchaſe money to be paid down, one fourth of the balance at the expiration of two years, another fourth at four years, another fourth at ſix years, and the remainder at eight years, from the day of ſale. Intereſt will be expected from the date of the bonds.—The price may be known by applying to Mr. Charles M'Donald on the premiſes, or to Mr. Nathaniel Burwell of Carter's Grove, on James-River, or to the Subſcriber in York County, near Williamſburg.

NATHANIEL BURWELL, jun.

Nov. 19, 1784.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY valuable TRACT of LAND, lying on Aquia-Run, in Stafford County, Virginia, not more than one mile from Aquia Warehouſe, about ſix miles from Dumfries, and twelve miles from Fredericksburg, containing Six Thouſand Acres; it is well watered, abounding with timber, and is calculated for planting or farming.—On this land are ſeveral valuable mill-ſeats, one of which is particularly ſo.—The above will be ſold in lots of two or five hundred acres, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſers.—If ſold by the whole tract three years credit will be given for one half the purchaſe; if in ſmall lots, only one year's credit will be given for one half, the other being paid at the time of conveyance.—For further particulars inquire of the Subſcriber oppoſite to Lower-Marlborough, in Maryland, or to Colonel BAILEY WASHINGTON, near to and adjoining the premiſes, who will ſhew the land.

WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

October 13, 1784.

ALMANACKS,

For the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five, may be had at the Printing-Office, Alexandaia, Wholeſale and Retail.

James and *Dunmore,*

Have for Sale at their Store on Fairfax-Street, a few Doors North of Mr. Samuel M. Brown's *Store, an Aſſortment of European Goods ſuitable to the Seaſon, viz.*

DUFFILS, bearſkins, coarſe and fine coatings, low-priced corduroys and velvets, drapery, Colcheſter baize, ſhag, coarſe and fine broadcloths, coarſe yarn ſtockings, common and fine worſted ditto, Kilmarnock caps, coarſe yarn gloves, womens' worſted mits and gloves, laſtings, tammies, durants, calamancoes, camblets and cambleteens, taboreens, ſhalloons, Iriſh linens, dowlas, cotton and linen checks, mens' beaver and caſtor hats, felt ditto, youths' ditto, fur and ſcarlet cloak trimmings, a variety of ribbons and gauzes, pins, wool cards, frying-pans, knives and forks, carpenters' tools, ſteelyards, jack and pen knives, ſhears and ſciſſors, gimlets, faſhionable buttons, common ditto, plated ſhoe and knee buckles, mens' ſhoes, ſaddles and bridles, an aſſortment of pewter, &c.

Alſo, to be ſold on board the brig Polly, Capt. Bailey, lying at Capt. Harper's wharf, two fall-back chaiſes, one genteel mahogany deſk and book-caſe, ſeveral common deſks and tables, Weſt-India and New-England rum, ſugar and molaſſes, by the hogſhead, barrel or ſmaller quantity, beſt Rhode-Iſland cheeſe and cyder, and a ſmall quantity of Iriſh potatoes, all which will be ſold cheap for Caſh or Tobacco.

Alexandria, November 23, 1784.

ALL Perſons indebted to the Copartnerſhip of HARPER and FENNER, which diſſolved the 22d Inſtant, are moſt earneſtly requeſted to make immediate Payment.—Regular Attendance is given at the Store, by

EDWARD HARPER.

Alexandria, Nov. 24, 1784.

Ten Pounds Reward.

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living at Oxen-Hill, Prince-George's County, Maryland, oppoſite to Alexandria, on Saturday the 6th inſt. a very likely Virginia-born Negro Man, *named* AARON; *he is about 28 years of age, very ſtrong made, about 5 feet, 7 inches high, of a pleaſing countenance, and his hair is rather long, which he generally wears combed up very high; he was the property of a Mr. Curtis of the Eaſtern ſhore of Virginia, and has a wife ſold near Snickers's Gap, whoſe maſter has ſince gone to Kentucky, and it is probable he will endeavour to get towards his old maſter, or to his wife: He took with him a ſmall bay Horſe, with a ſmall ſtar in his forehead.—He carried away with him a number of clothes, amongſt which was a ſuit of blue broadcloth which he ſtole a few days before he left me, from Col. Philips, who bought his wife.—Any perſon delivering him to me, with the horſe, ſhall have the above reward, or Eight Pounds for the fellow, and Forty Shillings for the horſe.* LEONARD MARBURY.

Nov. 19, 1784.

Five Pounds Reward.

RAN away from the Subſcriber laſt night, a very fair Mulatto SLAVE, *called* HESS *(alias Hezekiah Scott) about 22 years of age, is well made, about 5 feet 6 inches high, has a very ſmooth face, a mole on his right cheek, very dark reddiſh or ſandy hair, which he wears ſometimes tied in a club and ſometimes queued, is a very good taylor by trade, and a good waiting man: He had on and took with him two blue ſuits, one edged with red and the other with white, linen trouſers which tied round his ancles, white ſtockings, ſhoes with large white metal buckles, and many other clothes unknown. Whoever will ſecure ſaid ſlave, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have the above reward, and reaſonable charges if brought home, paid by*

JOHN WARING.

Mount-Pleaſant, Nov. 23, 1784.

THE Subſciber begs leave to inform the Public, that he has opened a TAVERN in the ſtone houſe in Leeſburg, formerly kept by Mr. Craven Peyton, and known by the name of the *Red Lion*, which ſign he ſtill continues, where he hopes to meet with encouragement, having laid in a ſufficient ſtock of the beſt liquors, and furniſhed the ſaid houſe with every thing neceſſary to render it a commodious, well regulated and pleaſing houſe of entertainment; and he begs leave to aſſure thoſe gentlemen who may honor him with their cuſtom, that every endeavour will be exerted to give general ſatisfaction, and every favour conferred will be gratefully acknowledged, by their devoted humble ſervant, HENRY M'CABE.

Leeſburg, Aug. 25, 1784.

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